Commission as well as Government regarding the debarring of IIT graduates and MBBS graduates from appearing in the Civil Services Examination. The Committee is of the view that a very high number of IIT graduates and MBBS graduates were getting selected to All India Civil Services and when such a student joins the Central Civil Services, all the money spent on him goes down the drain. By joining Civil Services many seat are blocked by them thus preventing as many students from becoming Engineers and Doctors.

The present scheme of the Civil Services Examination, is based on the recommendations of an Expert Committee knowns as Kothari, Committee, appointed by the Union Public Service Commission in 1974. That Committee was of the view that in a world of rapid change it is a definite advantage-even a necessity-that the services have persons drawn from a wide spectrum of academic subjects and back-ground. The question of allowing Doctors and Engineers for taking up the Civil Services Examination was also examined by another expert Committee, known as Prof. Satish Chandra Committee, appointed by the Union Public Service Commission in 1988 to review the scheme of the examination, which permits Doctors and Engineers to compete for it. Moreover, it has been constant endeavour of the Government to recruit the best available talent.

Curtailing gazetted holidays

360. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to decrease the number of gazetted holidays in Central Government offices; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) The holiday policy of the Central Government offices is under review. Different alternatives are under formulation and consideration. The details can be furnished after the proposal in this regard is finalized.